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POLICY ISSUES

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Memoranda of understanding concerning cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other organizations in the United Nations system

Note by the Executive Director

1. In its decision 17/8 of 21 May 1993, the Governing Council, conscious of the need to reduce documentation submitted to it by the Executive Director, requested the Executive Director to discontinue the practice, followed pursuant to Council decision 82 (V) of 25 May 1977, of submitting to the Council detailed information on memoranda of understanding on joint programming between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system but to submit a summary list of all such memoranda to future sessions of the Council.

2. In accordance with that request, the Executive Director has the honour to circulate herewith a summary of the three memoranda of understanding that have been concluded between UNEP and other organizations in the United Nations system since his last report on the subject to the Governing Council (UNEP/GC.19/INF/2 and Add.1).

3. As requested by the Council in paragraph 2 of its decision 17/8, the full texts of the memoranda of understanding have been forwarded to Governments and to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for information and record purposes.

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SUMMARY OF THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNEP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Title and date of signature by UNEP	Subject matter	Financial implications for UNEP
1. Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (March 1997)	UNEP and UNICEF will support one another in addressing the close relationship between protecting and managing environmental resources in a sustainable manner and ensuring that the basic needs and rights of the child are met. Areas of cooperation will include advocacy in areas of common concern, scientific/technical cooperation on programme activities and collaboration within United Nations system-wide initiatives.	None
2. Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (11 July 1997)	As part of the implementation of the decisions of the governing bodies of UNEP and UNCTAD as well as CSD recommendations, UNEP and UNCTAD will develop and implement a joint technical cooperation programme on trade, environment and development that focuses on capacity-building. The main objectives include developing policy options for developing country Governments to consider when seeking to integrate environmental considerations in macroeconomic policies, including trade policies, as well as policy instruments to facilitate internalization of environmental costs, and promoting and further developing economic tools for integration of environmental considerations in projects, policies and plans.	Financial implications for implementing the joint programme will be agreed upon jointly by the two organizations.

3.	Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Tourism Organization (WTO) (20 October 1997)	UNEP and WTO will endeavour to support one another to help both public and private stakeholders in tourism to face the challenges of sustainable tourism. In this respect, they will join forces and pool their resources to undertake a number of joint activities in such areas as ecotourism, environmental taxes, coastal award schemes and tourism in small island developing States.	Financial implications for implementing the joint activities will be agreed upon jointly by the two organizations.